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NOTES AND NEWS

THE third annual philosophical lecture before the British Academy under the Henriette Hertz Trust was given by Mr. George Santayana, who took for his topic, "Philosophical Opinion in America." An outline of the lecture is given in the *Educational Review* for April, 1918, from which we quote the following paragraph:

"To sum up, the New World had affected philosophy in two ways. First, it had accelerated and rendered fearless the disintegration of conventional categories, a disintegration on which modern philosophy had always been at work, and it had precipitated its successive phases. Secondly, the younger cosmopolitan America had favored the impartial assemblage and mutual confrontation of all sorts of ideas. It had produced, in intellectual matters, a sort of happy watchfulness and insecurity. Never had the human mind been master of so many facts and sure of so few principles. Would such suspense and fluidity of thought crystallize into some great new system? If a genius arose, that vast collection of suggestions and that radical analysis of presumptions which he would find in America might keep him from going astray."

THE Harvard University Press will publish in the fall a work by Professor W. H. Sheldon, entitled "The Strife of Systems and Productive Duality." The book will be a study in objective metaphysics, and will seek to obtain constructive results from the disagreements that have been most vigorous and fundamental—results applicable in practise as well as in speculation, and throwing, the author hopes, some light on the structure of the world.

THE course of lectures on Symbol Logic, which it had been arranged that Mrs. Christine Ladd-Franklin would give before the Department of Philosophy at Harvard University from April 22 to May 1, has been postponed on account of the existing situation. These lectures were given earlier in the season at Columbia University before the Institute of Arts and Sciences.

DR. BUFORD JENNETTE JOHNSON, Ph.D. (Hopkins, '16), has resigned her position as assistant psychologist in the Laboratory of Social Hygiene, Bedford Hills, N. Y., and has accepted an appointment as research assistant in the Bureau of Education Experiments, New York City.

PROFESSOR SAMUEL P. HAYES, of Mt. Holyoke College, will appreciate any gifts of psychological literature to help replenish the losses sustained in the burning of the psychological library on December 20.